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The Council met in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, at Eleven of the Clock, with the President Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I. K. C. I. E. LL. D. Dewan, Presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Alleppey-Changanacherry canal.

8 [2] * **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the sum of Rs. 3,000 allotted in the budget for the construction of the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal includes compensation for lands to be acquired for opening the canal, as well as the costs of construction?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Executive Engineer in charge of the duties of the Chief Engineer*): The sum of Rs. 5,000 is the amount allottted for cutting the canal. It does not include compensation for lands. The canal will be constructed only if the lands are surrendered free.

Road and canal between Alleppey and Changanacherry.

9 [3]* **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the stage at which the construction of the road and canal between Alleppey and Changanacherry is; and

(*b*) the amount sanctioned for these items of work?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) and (*b*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 58,650 has already been sanctioned and the work is awaiting execution for want of funds.

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Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ ഈ ജോലി തീക്കാൻ തയ്യാറുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിലേക്കനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം അവരെ ഏല്പിക്കാമോ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: അവർ സ്ഥലം വിട്ടുകൊടുത്താൽ മതി, ജോലി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും തീർത്തുകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: എന്റെ ചോദ്യം അതല്ല. ഈ പണം അവരെ ഏല്പിച്ചാൽ അവർ ലാൻഡ് അക്വിസിഷനും ജോലിയും നടത്തിക്കൊള്ളാമെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുക്കാമോ എന്നാണു.

Paddy Cultivation.

10 [15.] * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken, and the success achieved so far, to augment the out-put of paddy in the State?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*): The question of the possibilities of extending the area under paddy cultivation, along the following lines, is being investigated by a Sub-Committee of the Board of Agriculture in Travancore:—

(1) Additional reclamation from all Kayal and back-water areas;

(2) Conversion of dry lands into wet lands wherever possible in the State;

(3) Conversion of single crop lands into double crop lands, and biennial into annual cultivation, wherever possible and feasible;

(4) Disafforestation of swampy areas without prejudice to forest conservancy.

The same Committee is enquiring into the possibilities of increasing the production of paddy along the following lines:—

(1) Selection and distribution of imporoved strains of seeds;
(2) Judicious manuring;
(3) Efficient tillage, etc.;
(4) Better irrigation facilities.

The report of the said sub-committee in respect of Central Travancore, as approved by the full Board, has recently been received by Government. The enquiries relating to North and South Travancore are pending with the sub-committee.

Government, having recognised that there is ample scope for augmenting the production of paddy in the taluks of Kunnathnad and Parur through lift irrigation from the Periyar by means of the Pallivasal Electric Power, have appointed a Special Committee with a full time Secretary and staff to work out a practical scheme. The Committee has been engaged in the work for the past few months.

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